

Approved For Release 1999/09/08 : CIA-RDP75-00001R000200630022-3  
CPYRGHT

CPYRGHT

# 3 Men, Woman From Southland Injured in Blast

Four Southern Californians were among those injured in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy building in Saigon.

Only one of them was seriously injured, according to information furnished their relatives Tuesday by Washington.

The Pentagon Tuesday night announced that Lt. Comdr. Donald Gerald Scully, 40, of 1709 Grove St., Imperial Beach, was in serious condition.

Scully, after an 18-month tour of duty in San Diego, was sent to Vietnam three months ago. He was attached to the Navy operations office.

## Four Children

His wife Svea and four children live in Imperial Beach.

One of the injured, Samuel B. Thomsen, 33, whose wife, Judy, has lived at 21804 Halldale Ave., Torrance, since returning from Vietnam with their two children, in February, is acting consul in Hue.

The career foreign service officer had written his wife that he would be in Saigon on business for a few days and would return to his post last Sunday.

However, she said, "his schedule is flexible and he could have been delayed." Thomsen is due back next month on home leave.

Another injured was Miss Gaynell Sieker, 28, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sieker, live at 543 Hamilton Ave., El Centro. She is due to leave for home on April 26

after finishing a two-year tour of duty as a secretary in the embassy.

A sister in Long Beach, Mrs. Joan Sizelov, received a telegram from Miss Sieker Tuesday stating, "I'm okay. Don't worry." She has worked for the government

five years, previously having been stationed in Istanbul, Turkey, for two years.

The fourth, Merlin G. Brooks, 26, a civilian adviser assigned to the Department of the Army, had been transferred to Saigon from Da Nang a month ago.

The University of Southern California graduate, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Brooks, live at 4501 Rising Hill Road, Altadena, had been working on a master's degree at the University of Washington when he left to go to Saigon about nine months ago.

Among those not seriously injured was Harold E. Padgett, 37, Army civilian, of Arlington, Va. His mother, Mrs. Ella J. Padgett, lives at 739 Moreno Ave., Santa Monica, Calif. A brother, Terrence W. Padgett, lives in Malibu.